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Honorable Victor Marrero
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

RE: *Corporate Insurance* Empire Resources, Inc. v.
Total Quality Logistics, Hills Trucking, Inc.
Case No.: 07 Civ. 03731 (VM)

Dear Judge Marrero:

We represent Total Quality Logistics, Inc., in the above-referenced matter. On July 15, 2008, the Court scheduled a settlement conference hearing for 2:30 p.m. on July 25, 2008 at the request of plaintiff's counsel.

The undersigned and a representative for TQL will be available for the settlement conference. Due to the relatively small amount in dispute, TQL respectfully requests that its corporate representative and counsel be granted permission to attend the conference by telephone. The letter from plaintiff's letter carrying the endorsement scheduling the hearing stated that she had "attempted to contact Canal's New York counsel on four (4) separate occasions, to no avail." The letter did not indicate that Plaintiff's counsel attempted to contact counsel for TQL. TQL, like plaintiff, responded to Canal's request for settlement demands. TQL intends to fully participate in the settlement conference, however, it would be unfair to require it to bear of the costs of its representative and attorney traveling from Cincinnati, Ohio to attend this conference, which Plaintiff claims is the result of Canal Insurance's alleged failure to respond to plaintiff's overtures.

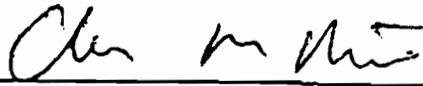
Accordingly, TQL respectfully requests permission for its counsel and representative to attend the July 25, 2008 hearing telephonically.

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We thank the court for its attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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<i>Request DENIED. The purpose, value, productivity and likelihood of success of a settlement conference are far more advanced by the personal participation of all litigants involved.</i>	
SO ORDERED:	
<i>2-16-08</i>	
DATE	VICTOR MARRERO, U.S.D.J.